

**Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2015**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1036  
(Legislative Management)  
(Health Care Reform Review Committee)

AN ACT to provide for the state department of health to study health professional assistance programs and report to the legislative management.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1. STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STUDY - HEALTH PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.**

1. During the 2015-16 interim, the state department of health shall evaluate the state programs to assist health professionals, including behavioral health professionals, with a focus on state loan repayment programs for health professionals. The study must include:
  - a. Identification of state programs to assist health professionals;
  - b. Consideration of whether elements of the identified state programs could be standardized;
  - c. Evaluation of funding and usage of the identified state programs;
  - d. Evaluation of the effectiveness of these identified programs and how these programs could be revised to be more effective; and
  - e. Consideration of whether there are gaps or duplication in programs designed to assist health professionals.
2. During the 2015-16 interim the state department of health shall make periodic reports to the legislative management on the status of the study. Before July 1, 2016, the state department of health shall report to the legislative management on the outcome of the study, including presentation of recommended legislation. The legislative management may introduce legislation recommended by the state department of health as part of the department's study report.